नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार(श्री कमलुद्दीन अहमद) (क) से (ग) सरकार को 30 जुलाई 1993 को प्राप्त हुई सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली संबंधी मंत्रियों की समिति की रिपोर्ट विचार के लिए सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली संबंधी परामर्शदात्री समिति के सम्मुख रखी जाएगी। रिपोर्ट की सिफारिशों में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के कई पक्षों पर विचार किया गया है जैसे सम्पन्न वर्गों को प्रणाली से बाहर करना केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य को न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य से सम्बन्ध न करना, आबादी के जरुरतमंद तथा पात्र वर्गों को आपूर्ति में वृद्धि करना तथा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को आमतौर पर मजबूत तथा सुव्यवस्थित करना।

Medical Services under Consumer Protection Act

1749. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Consumer Protection Act covers the medical services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) All services which are hired or availed of for a consideration are covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. As such, the services rendered by medical profession which are hired for a consideration come under the perview of the Act.

Release of Additional Sugar for Distribution through Public Distribution System

1750. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated additional sugar in July, 1993 for distribution to Ration Card holders through P.D.S.;

(b) if so, the details of additional quantity released;

(c) what was the allocation of sugar prior to this additional allocation for Delhi;

(d) whether Government propose to continue the enhanced allocation for future in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e) National Capital Territory of Delhi is being given an additional ad-hoc allocation of 1200 tonnes of levy sugar per month for the Public Distribution System since July, 1993. This additional allocation is being continued for the present.

The normal levy sugar allocation to Delhi is 9157 tonnes per month.

Time limit for Collection of amount from FPSs in Delhi

1751. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food and Civil Supplies Department of Delhi has fixed some dates for collection of amount in the form of Demand Draft from F.P.Ss of Delhi to ensure timely supplies of rationed items;

(b) if so, the details of these dates itemwise;

(c) whether some instructions exist for the staff of Circle Offices to hand over these drafts to F.C.I. offices within some time limit;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some cash fine has been fixed for FPSs which do not submit their drafts within prescribed dates;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the amount collected on this account so far;

(g) whether Government propose to impose some cash fine against staff of F.C.I. and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation who do not ensure supply of rationed items within the prescribed time limit; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The dates fixed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT) for collection of drafts are as follows:

For Wheat and Rice & Atta: 16th, 19th, and 26th for the first fortnight and 2nd, 6th and 10th for the second fortnight.

For Levy Sugar, 23rd of each month.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Officers of Food and Civil Supplies Department have been instructed to hand over the drafts to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) on the day on which drafts are received by them.

(e) To ensure availability of sugar at the Fair Price Shops (FPS) at the beginning of each month, FPS holders have been asked to deposit Demand Drafts for sugar latest by 23rd of each month. For intentional defaulters, a provision has been made to penalise them by way of forfeiture of security, if the circumstances so warrant. This has been communicated to the FPS holders. No such action has been contemplated in case of default in depositing demand drafts for wheat, rice and atta.

(f) The total amount forfeited is Rs. 17450 during the months of June and July, 1993.

(g) and (h) Delhi Administration has reported that there is no such proposal under consideration.

Rationing Offices in Noida

1752. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the rationing offices functioning in Noida, district Ghaziabad:

(b) whether the present number of rationing offices in Noida is sufficient for the whole population of Noida;

(c) whether the Fair Price Shops in Noida are functioning properly as per the rules and timings prescribed for them; and

(d) if not, what action has so far been taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance, under Revamped PDS

1753. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government to the States and Union Territories since the launching of the Revamped Public Distribution Scheme (RPDS) last year;

(b) the details of the use of this assistance by the concerned States and Union Territories separately; and

(c) the number of additional fair price shops, additional ration cards and additional storage capacity created in the RPDS areas so far.